

GOOD SHEPHERD

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Pastor James D. Robison, Jr
3940 Mountain Road Slatington, PA 18080
610/767-9680

www.GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Good Shepherd Faithfully serving Compassionately accepting~Transforming together.

Mountain Reflections June 2021

Greetings to all the disciples of Good Shepherd~

Summer is once again upon us and we are revving up the Faith Formation with Vacation Bible School for the children and youth, as well as a Financial Peace University course for adults wanting to take better control of their money.

Big Fish Bay, Hooked on God's Mercy will be the theme used to teach the stories of God and Jesus Christ. Look for more information and make sure to save the date for the young people in your life. Who knows, you may even want to volunteer to participate in sharing in this faith formation experience.

The Financial Peace University (FPU) is nine (9) sessions that will focus on how to pay-off debt, save and invest for your future. It is like cleaning out a closet or tackling some other goal in life ~ you simply jump in and do it. You will find a sense of accountability and encouragement to attain success.

The Faith Formation Team is always looking for those interested in helping others experience a richer, fuller faith-journey. If interested in exploring possibilities with this ministry team, contact Deb Craig or Pam Puskas and they should be able to find ways for you to share your gifts.

In the service of the Living God,
Pastor James



Faith Formation Classes: 9:00am Sunday Services: 10:00am

JUNE LECTIONARY

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| June 6 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost |
| Gospel Lesson: | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 |
| Meditation | <i>Unanticipated Vulnerability</i> |
| June 13 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost |
| Gospel Lesson: | Mark 4:26-29 |
| Meditation | <i>Unexpected Leadership</i> |
| June 20 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Gospel Lesson: | Mark 4:35-41 |
| Meditation | <i>Authentic Leadership</i> |
| June 27 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Gospel Lesson: | Mark 5:21-43 |
| Meditation | <i>Compassionate Leadership</i> |



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

God and Country ~ July 4th

We are Following CDC guidelines:
Communion will be celebrated using sealed elements of bread and grape juice. If you wish to stay in your vehicle simply respond at the appropriate time to receive communion by turning on your four-way flashers. An usher with a mask and gloves will bring You the pre-packaged elements. This offers those who wish to position their vehicles in the parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our FM Station 88.5.





Our **Thoughts &**
Prayers
are with...



Homebound Members

Mary Bilheimer	Sandra Endres	Dolores Gruber
Kay Costenbader	Freda Horn	Susan "Tillie" Waller

Those Serving Our Country In the Armed Services

Or with The Department of Defense:

Colby Adams	Michael Kelsey	Janel Tracy
Anthony Babb	Rebecca McMichael	Jacqueline Tracy
Elijah Colon	Cory Musser	Nicholas Sander
Kira (Kern) Kelsey	David Neff	Benjamin Schaffer

All that serve ~ Please do let us know if you have someone serving

Family & Friends

Eileen Andrews	Lisa Gilly	Lena Reynolds
Paul Bachman	Wikki Ivan	Alice Schnell
Linda Bowers	Shirley Knappenberger	Rex Shaffner
Roy Craig	Carl Kocher	Colleen Shields
Colleen DeLong	Rev. Allen Miller	Debbie Silfies
Harold Derr	Marilyn Pezuldt	Eddie Smith
Clara Gardner	Mason Post	Donald Smith
Janet German	Joe Reda	Susan Waller
Sharon Greene	Pat Reimert	Matthew Wheeler

For The Families Of Those Who Have Entered Eternal Life:

Lester Bailey	Keith Derhammer	Joe Reda
Byron Craig	Keith Lenhart	Rex Shaffner
Deb Hewitt	Barbara McMahan	Luther Solt

Those in higher education: Jenna Blynn studying at Florida International University; Toby Sander and Caden Shields, studying at LCCC; Angie Lopez, studying at Widener University; Matthew Shields, studying at Moravian College; Calista Smoyer, studying at West Virginia University; Jacob Taylor, studying at Drexel University; Nathan Taylor, studying at Penn State; Dylan Coffin, studying at Susquehanna University and Paige Bachman, studying at Kutztown University.

God is watching over you...

I know because I asked God to



VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES thru Facebook Live-Streaming, allows us to continue our services for those at church and for those at home.

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington>

SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVYHuSsU56ddNI3fhpeqQfg>

WORSHIP IN YOUR CAR:

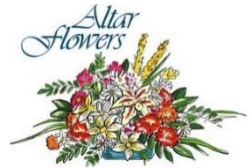
Communion will be celebrated using sealed elements of bread and grape juice. If you wish to stay in your vehicle, simply respond at the appropriate time to receive communion by turning on your four-way flashers. An usher with a mask and gloves will bring you the pre-packaged elements. This offers those who wish to position their vehicles in the parking lot and participate in the service by listening to our **FM Station 88.5**.



Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Given In The Honor And Glory Of God

To honor someone with altar flowers, or to sponsor a bulletin, please place your name, and the person(s) to be honored, on the calendar in the narthex. Flower orders and/or bulletin sponsorship must be on the calendar by the prior Sunday. Contact Julie Solt.



Recently **Altar Guild** went through a major setback with the loss of our coordinator Mary Lacy. Volunteers are needed to help change the paraments (cloths on the Pulpit and Altar) and care for the flowers. If interested, please let pastor know. We need someone to take of July & August. Please see Pastor James.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jun 1	June Frohnheiser	Jun 13	Linda Dries
Jun 1	Michelle Walters	Jun 13	Samantha Mack
Jun 2	Dave Derkits	Jun 14	Madeline Balliet
Jun 2	Donna Heller	Jun 16	Eddie Krum II
Jun 2	Brian Knappenberger	Jun 16	Shirley Phillips
Jun 3	Sharon Conway	Jun 17	Kenneth Boyer
Jun 3	Jane Evans	Jun 17	Justin Conway
Jun 3	Christy Oswald	Jun 19	Amanda Dieter
Jun 3	Shirley Smith	Jun 19	Keith Haas
Jun 5	Corey Breiner	Jun 20	Kala Farber
Jun 5	Albert Falat	Jun 20	David Neff III
Jun 6	Betty Humanick	Jun 21	Joanne Feller
Jun 6	Gwynne Pitruzzello	Jun 22	Randy Kresge
Jun 6	Eric Walters	Jun 22	Dolly Kuntz
Jun 6	Debbie Derhammer	Jun 24	Dale Boyer
Jun 7	Barbara Kremposky	Jun 24	Dennis Boyer
Jun 8	Walter Fox	Jun 24	Holden White
Jun 8	Robert Schramel	Jun 26	Greg Koneschusky
Jun 8	Madison Thomas	Jun 28	Matthew Bowers
Jun 9	Jean Edwards	Jun 28	Kathryn Griffith
Jun 9	Emily Gad	Jun 28	Tom Bollinger
Jun 9	Susan Shelly	Jun 29	Blaine Horn
Jun 11	David DeLong	Jun 30	Logan Bachman
Jun 12	Makenna Frantz	Jun 30	Cindy Parks

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

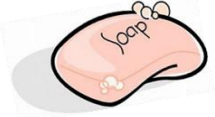
Jun 1	Jonathan & Monica (Zellner) Griffith
Jun 3	Chad & Jennifer (Derr) Sommers
Jun 5	Edgar & Shirley (Kocher) Smith
Jun 14	Brett & Michele (Schuck) Hunsicker
Jun 16	Richard & Darlene (Reabold) Nothstein
Jun 21	Kenny & Pat (Romig) Reimert
Jun 22	Bruce & Lori (Frantz) Balliet
Jun 23	James & Laura (Parks) George
Jun 24	Terry & Susan (Schlosser) Shelly
Jun 26	Eric & Michelle (Meckes) Walters
Jun 29	Thomas & Judy (Behler) Bollinger

Mission

For June is: the Northern Lehigh Food Bank

If you would like to participate in our offering, please sign the Faith & Mission Calendar in the narthex with the name of a loved one you would like to honor or remember, along with your name. Place a donation in a “Faith & Mission” envelope and put it in the Faith & Mission box or offering plate.

In June we will be collecting items for Save Our Appearance Please (*SOAP*). The following items are needed: **toilet tissue, bars of soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tissues.** If anyone can donate any of these items, you can bring them to church and place in the shopping cart in the narthex



LOTTERY TICKETS

April winner : Linda Bowers

May winner is: Veronica Roth

thank you for your Support Ladies

See Karen Smith for next Lottery Tickets

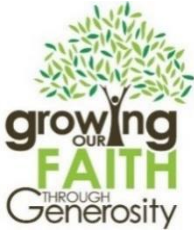
Youth Fellowship News

All youth are invited to play bells during church service on Father's Day, June 20th. Practice will be held during Youth Fellowship on June 6th. Youth Group meets right after church. Come on out kids! Have some fun and make a joyful noise!

Support their Fundraiser for the Heifer Foundation

Heifer Foundation's mission is to raise and oversee financial assets to support the work of Heifer International, but we can't do it without you. We offer donors a variety of ways to provide for themselves and their loved ones while helping a world in great need. The water bottles filled with dimes were returned on May 23, 2021. The group will decide on their donation to the Heifer Foundation at their June 6th meeting after church.





Gratitude Reminder - A Little or A Lot

*If you use gratitude a little,
your life will change a little.
If you use gratitude a lot every day,
your life will change a lot.*

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are the source of all true joy in life. Your word says that everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. Please help me to receive all the good gifts you give me with thanksgiving and gratitude in my heart. You have loved me and have freed me from my sins by Jesus' blood. To you be glory and dominion forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

SCRIP Summary MAY 2021

Participants	7	Don't forget to order your gift cards for Father's Day, Weddings and Graduations!
Cards Ordered	43	
Profit	\$84.01	
Profit Year-To-Date	\$516.02	

Next month's orders are due **Sunday, June 13th**
and will be delivered on **Sunday, June 20th**

Financial Update

Apr 11	\$1,176.00	E-giving	\$418.53
Apr 18	\$2,836.00	E-giving	\$510.00
Apr 25	\$1,402.00	E-giving	\$429.12
May 2	\$1,646.00	E-giving	\$170.00
May 9	\$2,142.00	E-giving	\$229.12

 Giving - Good Stewardship Made Easy

<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

We are invited to share our gifts so we might fulfill our call to walk with our sisters and brothers proclaiming God's love, forgiveness, and acceptance for everyone. For those with pre-addressed Church Envelopes, place a stamp on it with your gift and mail. Or, call the Church and someone from the Consistory will pick up the offering. Also, please consider electronic giving using the link marked, "Give Online." If you would like give through texting, you can do so by texting the word "give" to **610.615.7657** and follow the prompts on your mobile phone Thank you for prayerfully considering what you can afford.

Financial Peace University 2021

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

June 16 through August 11, 2021 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Classes usually last about 90 minutes.

We'll meet together to watch and discuss the videos and do activities. On-site Meetings with Zoom for those needing that option. Financial Peace University (FPU) is the nine-lesson class that will teach you how to pay off debt, save and invest for your future. You'll also connect with others, just like you who can hold you accountable, encourage you, and celebrate your progress!

Here is the direct link to the Good Shepherd class:

www.fpu.com/1133881

Ramsey+

"Free Trial - 3, 6, or 12 Month plans available, after your free trial" At no additional cost, Good Shepherd will host the local classes with Monica Zellner (MBA/MEd, NBCT) to guide us through it as a group. Contact: monicagriffith@hotmail.com

Vacation Bible School

Save The Dates: August 1st to August 5th

Sunday 5pm to 8pm - we will have a small supper for the kids

Monday thru Wednesday 6pm to 8pm -

classes, crafts and activities Thursday 7pm - Closing program



Do you know someone who has no Computer or no Technology?

but they still would like the Newsletter?

Give us their name, and address to make sure we have it, and we will send them a copy of the monthly newsletter.

Contact Susan Layland at the office: 610-767-9680
or email her at: secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org



Have a musical talent that you would like to share? Beth is looking to fill summer Sundays' special music with talented people from our congregation. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please email or call Beth Kutzner. beperkins@live.com or 570-240-0044

PRAYER



CHAIN

Interested in joining our prayer chain? By phone call or email.

A prayer chain can bring a deep sense of comfort to someone going through a difficult time. Join us in prayer.

Contact Deb Craig for emails at dkcraig@ptd.net,
Sharon Conway at sconjo0429@gmail.com;
or Eileen Andrews for phone calls at 610-390-4302



Repair the Roof

A Campaign to raise funds for the restoration of our Church Roof.

Originally installed in 1986 is now in need of replacing at a cost of \$48,000. Would you like to help? Gifts in Honor of or in Memory of ~ Fathers' Day or Graduation Day, can be placed in the offering plate and noted as such.

Good Shepherd's Fellowship Hall

is the perfect venue for your event. The hall has the capacity to hold 210 people, and there are members of Good Shepherd who can help you plan the event, right down to the last detail.

For more information, call Madeline Balliet at (610) 769-0810



Staying in Touch

www.GoodShepherdUCCSlatington.org

And also "Like" us on:

www.facebook.com/GSUCC.Slatington

Contact Susan Layland

secretary@goodshepherduccslatington.org

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMES D. ROBISON, JR

Church Office: 610-767-9680

Mobile Phone: 484-571-6083

Email: jamdarrob@gmail.com

JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon: Eddie Smith

Acolytes: Sunday June 6 Breonna Richardson

Sunday June 13 Jazmin Richardson

Sunday June 20 Noah Griffith

Sunday June 27 Aiden Solt

Lay Readers: Sunday June 6 Dylan Coffin

Sunday June 13 Sherri Fallon

Sunday June 20 Marie Bachman

Sunday June 27 Susan Bankes

Altar Guild: Julie Solt

Power Point Designer: Deb Craig

A/V Operators: Eric Hantz

Bryan Horninger

Evan Horninger

Stacy Cunningham

Videographer: Beth Kutzner

Attendance Monitors: TBD

Greeters & Sanitizers: TBD

Faith Formation Classes

June 6: Teaching: Stacy Cunningham

Craft: Stacy Cunningham/Karen Weaver

June 13: Teaching: Susie Blose

Craft: Beth Kutzner

June 20: Teaching: Pam Puskas

Craft: Deb Craig

June 27: Teaching Stacy Cunningham

Craft: Stacy Cunningham/Karen Weaver

In Service to the Lord